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**Ref: Kamoku-Pukele Revised Final EIS, Page 6-15:**

In light of the DLNR's refusal to issue a CDUP for the 138 kV line construction on the Waahila ridge, based on the PUC's Decision and Order No. 10620, reason one (for placing transmission lines underground), states "(1) there is a compelling reason (which outweighs the costs) to place the lines underground," does HECO now consider the opposition of the public, DLNR and other State and local organizations to the project to be a compelling reason to construct a transmission line between Pukele and Kamoku utilizing underground technology? Explain.

**HECO Response:**

There are compelling reasons for the 138 kV Kamoku-Pukele alternatives (considered in the updated analyses done after the CDUP denial) to be an all underground alternative, instead of a partial underground, partial overhead alternative. (See, for example, HECO T-6, pages 2-3.)